

# Warwick Boat Club



## Rowing Newsletter

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### Multi-lane racing

We have seen representation at a selection of very competitive events over the past few weeks. There were impressive wins in the women's IM3 2x for both of our women's crews at Peterborough, and a solid performance for the men who progressed through their heat in a very competitive field.

The Metropolitan Regatta at Dorney was as competitive as ever with the strongest crews from the UK joined by a strong contingent of international crews testing the waters before Henley. The men's four were pleased to qualify for the final and achieve two 'PB' performances over their rounds.

The Notts regatta weekend saw a reasonable club entry, with a good contingent of 'masters' boats out on the Sunday. They look forward to more action at British Masters Champs.



### International representation



As many of you will be aware, women's squad member **Emma Tod** was recently competing at the Gavirate International Regatta in Italy as part of the British Para-rowing coxed four.

This was her first international vest, and a first international win, with the British crew, including Emma and a number of returning Rio gold medallists, winning in impressive fashion on both days of the event.

## A great day out with our novices

STRATFORD UPON AVON – A sunny and hot Saturday was the first appearance in public of the novice women's four of **Bethan Smith, Francis Tobin, Georgina Cook** and **Clare Humphreys** coxed by **Tanya Podinovskaia**; and the men's novice double of **Callum Rush** and **Jack Sumner**. Also on the water was the father-son combination of **Saul Wiggin** and **Andrew Wiggin** who previously raced their novice double at Evesham Regatta. The novice crews were supported by a great turnout of fellow WBC members, friends and family.

A tense start allowed a youthful Monkton Coombe crew, with incredibly high rate, to pull ahead of the women's four. Once Warwick was up to speed and gaining on the opposition, the short 500 metres made totally catching up near impossible. Despite this, the women fought to end with loud support from the bank.

After a lunchtime interval of spectacular junior racing, Callum and Jack raced Monkton Coombe, only to be beaten by 3 lengths. Although initially being caught in the bank, the Wiggin double manage to free themselves and beat RGS Worcester in their heat before losing out to AB Severn in the semi-final.

The Club would like to thank all coaches and members for their encouragement and support of our novice crews.



## Henley Qualifiers

HENLEY ON THAMES – After a send-off BBQ attended by many of the rowing section, the men's four consisting of **Patrick Hourigan, Philip Tonkin, Mike Hourigan**, and **Andrew Collett**, coxed by **Samantha Wesley** headed down to *Henley Royal Regatta* on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June for qualifying races and to put months of training into action.

Thirteen crews pre-qualified for the *Britannia Challenge Cup* with the remaining spaces allocated to the fastest three crews from the qualifying time-trial. With a moderate head wind along the length of the 2,112 meter course, the crew rowed with total assurance and strength, settling in on a rock solid rate 35.

As expected at this level of rowing, the competition from the nine other crews looking to qualify was exceptionally tough. With their best effort, the men's four rowed the course in 7:23.9. Warwick Boat Club was the 2<sup>nd</sup> quickest non-qualifying crew, behind Cantabrigian Rowing Club by only 1.2 seconds and ahead of several Tideway crews. As per Henley tradition, the times of the qualifying crews are kept secret.

Coming so close to qualifying and rowing with a respectable time, the crew came away with their heads held high and spurred on to try again next year. The crew will attend several upcoming local regattas, before their next international event – the FISA World Rowing Masters Regatta on Lake Bled in Slovenia during 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> September.



## British Masters Championships

NOTTINGHAM – Saturday of the regatta saw **Fred Dahlmann** race in the championship Masters B Singles, and **Bill Haynes, Ian Hodge, Andrew Walsh, and Graham Martin** coxed by **Yana Vinogradova** race in the non-championship Masters D-F fours. Both crews rowed the tough conditions well, but unfortunately without any wins. The regular double of **Owen Watson** and **Nick Lucey** raced in the championship Masters A doubles, but were eliminated out of four crews in their heat by a margin of 1.65 seconds from the last qualifying boat. **Claire Hurley** and **Emma Raynor** came first in their eliminator heat to progress and win



the championship Women's Masters A doubles, ahead of Maidstone Invicta by 1.25 seconds.

On Sunday, Claire and Emma were also joined by another Warwick double - **Vicki Rothwell** and **Olivia Joyce** in the non-championship Women's Masters A-C doubles. Both crews beat Weybridge, Kingston and Stratford with Claire and Emma crossing the line first followed by Vicki and Olivia in second.

## Successful weekend at Ironbridge

IRONBRIDGE – It was an early morning start on Saturday for single scullers **Gur Rotkop** and **Nick Lucey** who were in the very first few races of the Saturday regatta. Nick rowed the 1000 metre course well with a final verdict of easily over City of Oxford. This luck was to soon run out as Nick was left trying to catch up and stay close as Huntingdon crossed the finish line first in his next heat. A collision with a non-racing crew (from steering too wide around a bend) brought Gur to a near standstill. However, after recovering from the situation well and with a lot of determination, Gur chased down the novice Trent sculler and closed the gap to two lengths.

Later on Saturday, the IM1 mixed double of **Kate Parkinson** and **Jonny Messling** raced Grosvenor RC. The race was close throughout, but Kate and Jonny pulled ahead of the opposition in the last third of the race to win by ½ length. Kate also rowed her single in the Women's Masters B category. It was a neck and neck race, with Kate only losing by 1/3 of a length, an excellent result given that she was exhausted from the previous doubles race.



Sunday saw novice scullers **Sam Clarke** and **Jonathan Storey** race for the first time in combination, winning their first heat with a 5-length margin over Liverpool Victoria. However, the duo caught an unrecoverable crab in their second heat, allowing Trent to cruise past and over the finish line. **Nick Lucey** and **Owen Watson** were also out in their IM3 double. With Worcester RC scratching their entry from the final, Nick and Owen won the event by beating City of Oxford in the straight semi-final. Nick later raced an IM3 single in a tight race against Trentham BC, only to lose out from claiming a second pot by half a length.

The IM3 coxed four of **Jonathan Storey, Ben Green, Tom O'Shea** and **Andrew Wheeler**, coached and coxed by **Jon Brandt**, comfortably won their semi-final against Bewdley and also the subsequent final against Minerva Bath. This win at Ironbridge regatta marks a status change for this regular crew combination to IM2 in sweep-oar. **Vicki Rothwell** won her Women's Masters A singles show-down against Birmingham RC. Vicki later joined her regular sculling partner **Olivia Joyce** for the women's masters A doubles, winning their first heat against Abingdon and their final against Loughborough in the penultimate race of the day.

## Committee notes

### Boat permissions

Boat permissions are now approved by the rowing committee. Please email [rc@warwickboatclub.co.uk](mailto:rc@warwickboatclub.co.uk) with crew line-up, current training, and events aimed for with plenty of time.

### Trailers and towing

The committee is examining our current usage of boat trailers and the options available to broaden the licence types and vehicles that can tow boats to events.

### Warwick Regatta

The regatta relies heavily on the support of local companies and individuals to keep it profitable. Many businesses support us year on year however we need to keep bringing in new sponsors to ensure the regatta continues. If you have any ideas, please speak to a committee member. Please email [katerider65@gmail.com](mailto:katerider65@gmail.com) if you are available to help on 19<sup>th</sup> August. Finally, please spread the word about the regatta!

## Learn to Cox

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 6-7:30pm

Alison Tonkin will be running a learn-to-cox session suitable for anyone that has not coxed before, or those wanting a refresher. The session will cover safety of the crew and other water users, equipment and basic coxing calls.

## Junior Summer Camps

Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> July, 27<sup>th</sup> July and 7<sup>th</sup> August

Warwick Boat Club will be holding its annual series of 5-day long, intensively coached summer camps for youngsters aged between 14-18. The summer camp will teach absolute beginners the basics of the sport, as well as give them a taste of racing. For the more experienced rowers, this is a perfect opportunity to work on refining technique and improve fitness.

£320 per person, and spaces limited.

More information at [warwickboatclub.co.uk/rowing-juniors](http://warwickboatclub.co.uk/rowing-juniors)

## Dates for your Diary

5<sup>th</sup> July

**Club Open Evening**

6:30pm-8:30pm

22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> July

**Bewdley Regatta**

800m (Saturday), 600m (Sunday)

12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> August

**Stourport Regatta**

1100m (Saturday), 650m (Sunday)

19<sup>th</sup> August

**Warwick Regatta**

500m

2<sup>nd</sup> September

**Worcester Autumn Regatta**

750m

22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September

**Autumn Training Camp**

Reading Rowing Club

28<sup>th</sup> October

**Rowing Section Annual Dinner**

Alderson House

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